

102 Railroad Avenue (House)  
Alderson  
Monroe County  
West Virginia

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USGS Alderson, West Virginia Quadrangle  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:  
17.531/420.4175/070

Present Owner: Town of Alderson

Present Occupant: None

Present Use: Vacant Residence

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Description: The house faces the mainline of the Chesapeake and Ohio  
Railway (CSX), which parallels Railroad Avenue. The  
house is situated on the south bank of the Greenbrier  
River (within the floodway). The one and one-half  
story house has a rectangular main block running east  
and west, with a car-port roof addition extending to  
the east. The roof of the main house is gabled to the  
sides, with the second floor front wall protruding  
through the roof of the first floor, exposing a pair  
of symmetrically spaced one-by-one-light windows.  
A one story porch with roof extends to the front of  
the house. The ends of the upper floor have one narrow  
four-over-four-light, double-hung sash window on each  
gable-end. The remainder of the house has six-over-six-  
light, double-hung, sash windows, except the rear addition,  
which has hinged (inward) single light windows, four total.  
The rear of the house is composed of at least two additions,  
one having a double gable roof design forming a "v" in the  
center of two symmetric gables. The other addition has a  
shed or sloped roof. The house is covered with clapboard  
siding and asphalt roll roofing.

History: The house was built about 1880, during the railroad boom  
that occurred following the arrival of the C&O in 1872.  
The house is presently vacant, and due to the location of  
its foundation in the floodway of the river, the house has  
suffered severe structural damage from several floods.  
The Town of Alderson intends to raze the structure for  
aesthetic benefit and public access to the river.

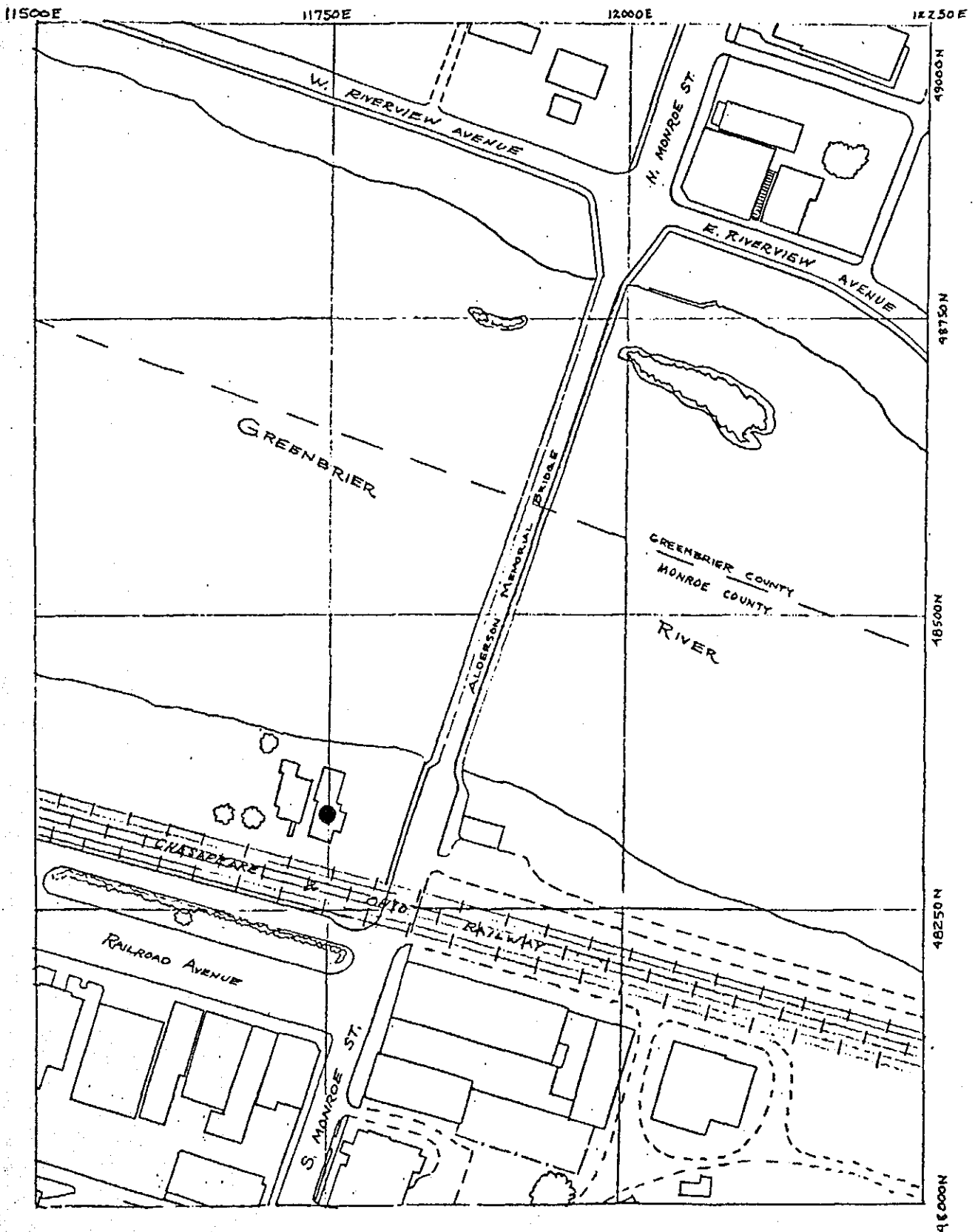
Source: Town of Alderson Historic Survey, 1988

Historian: E. S. Hanger, Jr., Mayor of Alderson  
Michael Gioulis, Historic Preservation Consultant  
November 28, 1988

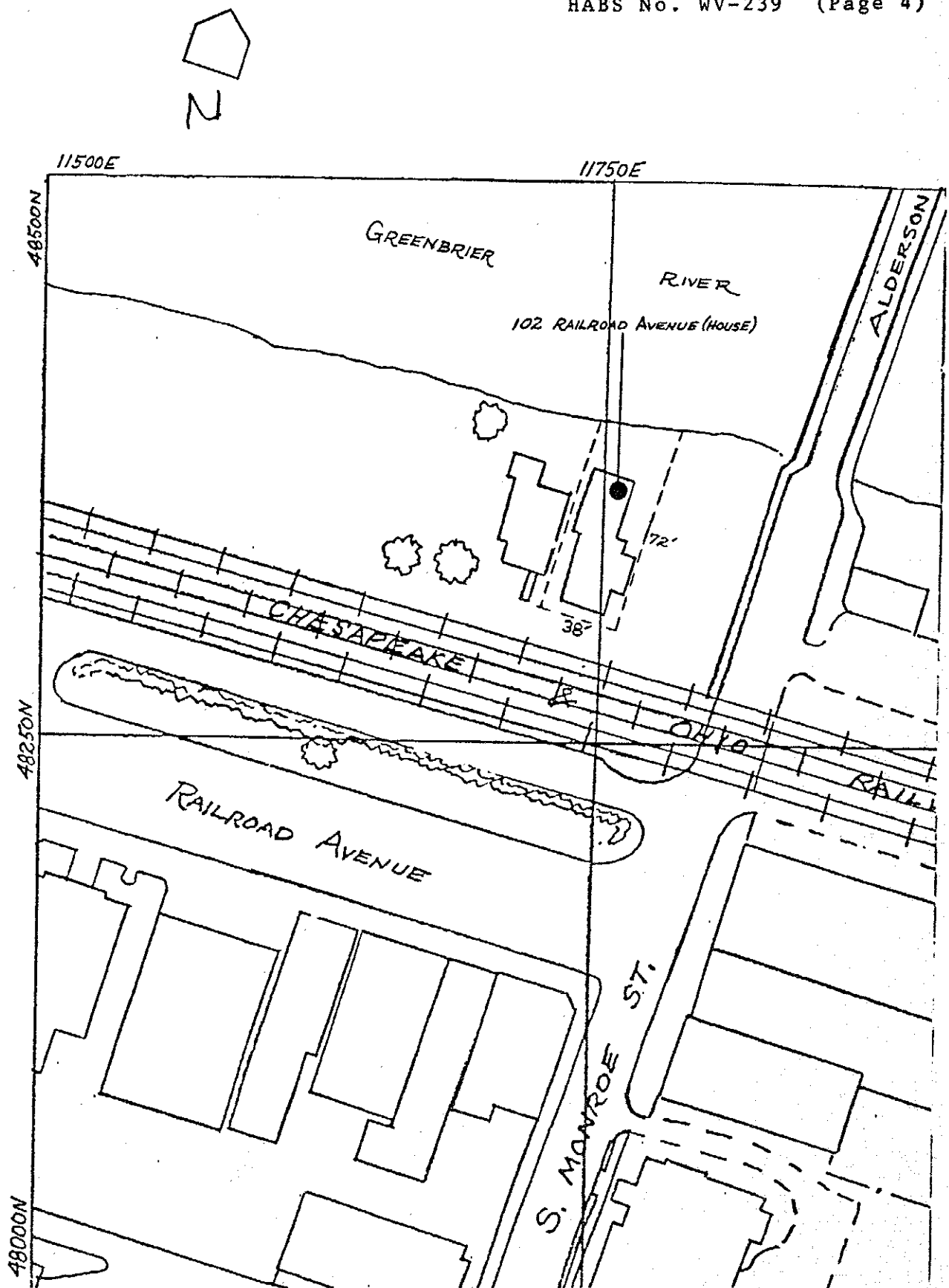
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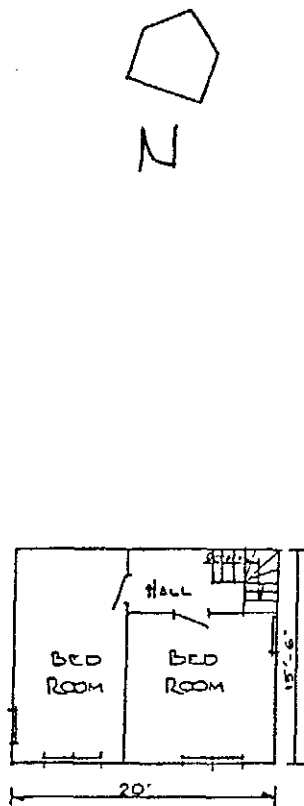


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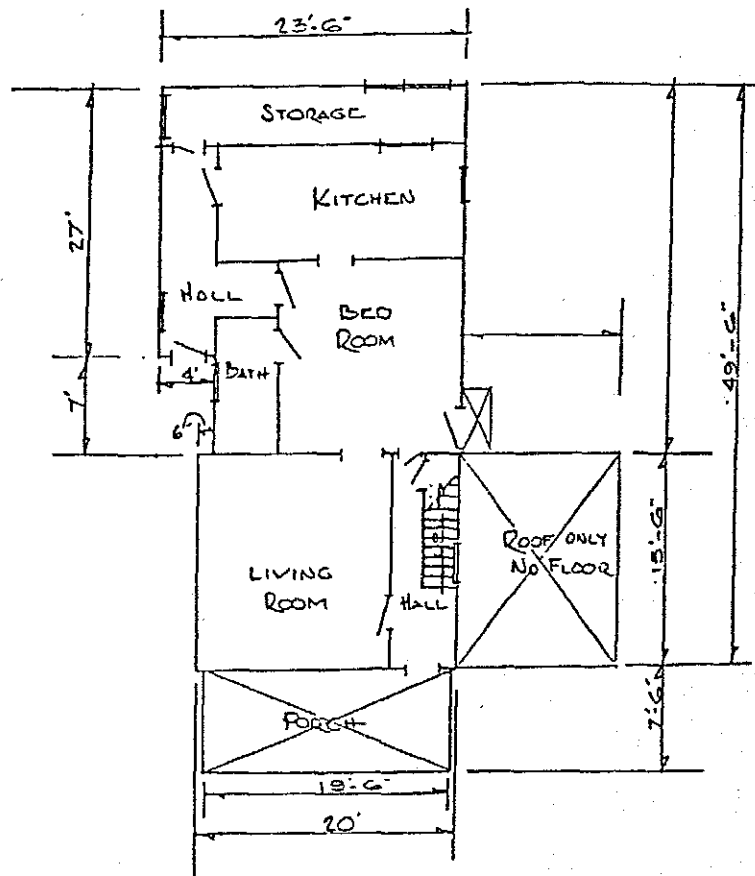


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SECOND FLOOR PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN